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APPLICANT: Satoshi MORI et al. CONF NO: 1711

SERIAL NO: 09/026,400 GROUP: 1638

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FOR: NICOTIANAMINE AMINOTRANSFERASE AND GENE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.311

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 15, 2001, the due date for Response having been extended two (2) months to October 15, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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02 FC:102

2. (Previously Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4 and having nicotianamine aminotransferase activity, or

(b) a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes to the nucleotide sequence of (a), when incubated in a solution of 5 x Denhart's solution, 5x SSPE and 0.1% SDS at 65°C for 12 hours, washed once

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